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MONDAY, MAY 28, 1900.

## The British in the Transvaal.

As was generally expected, the main body of the British Army crossed the Vaal into the South African Republic yesterday, the clever tactics of Lord Roberts, handsomely executed by Ian Hamilton on the right and French on the left, having again rendered the Boer line of defense untenable. It is now said that Botha will make a last stand in the Gatsrand Mountains, north of Potchefstroom, where three thousand Kaffirs are reported as throwing up entrenchments. As the position named is a great natural fort, a frontal attack upon it would entail heavy loss. There is nothing on the military maps to indicate any necessity on Roberts' part to oblige his adversary by assailing the clever tactics of Lord Roberts, when he can spread around and envelope the place. Multiph by this time should be in a position, moving from the direction of Klerksdorp, to strike the eastern flank of the Gatsrand ridge, and there may be another column closing in from the west or northwest which is not accounted for in the news.

The serious military work of the week is most likely to be done at Liding's Nek, where the burghers are again reported in force and prepared to contest possession of the pass with General Buller. We may perhaps look for a hot fight at this point, although it is possible that an attack in reverse might be delivered or threatened by one or two divisions moving around from Buller's rear by Newcastle and Botha's Pass, which would clear the way. But the ensuing operations will be apt to originate in the Neck of Natal and at Johannesburg. At the latter place there seems to be ground for fearing that the Boers will destroy the mines and city before retreating into Pretoria, overlooking the city. The Boers of Botha, Lucas Meyer, and other wealthy leaders, who understand that, in the event of such an act of vandalism, their property will be swept away to make good the loss. There is still a bare chance that the town may be saved, but that is all. The ignorant rank and file of the Boer Army are fast becoming a desperate and bloodthirsty mob. They have little if anything to lose, and are bitterly revengeful.

## Waiting for Congress to Go.

Notwithstanding all the sound and fury of the past ten days, we are unable to see that much difference has been shown by the Administration in getting after Rathbone, Director General of Posts in Cuba, and formerly the Hanna Lord Lieutenant in Ohio. The suspicion begins to re-emerge that Rathbone was not for wrong in declaring, as he is reported to have declared, that the Administration did not dare remove him. His reasons for holding such an opinion are more easy to understand than to describe. If future generations of Americans ever want an ideal monument to represent Hainanism, they will insist upon having Rathbone in the group. He is one of its most significant products. Done in brass, with Dick, Heath, and their common master, nothing in the way of the political side of the monument can be omitted, as far as the political side of the concept may be concerned.

Just at present the only discomfort that threatens Rathbone is public curiosity as to his expense accounts. He appears to have been even more generous to himself in the directions of per diem, sundry, miscellaneous, traveling, transportation, perquisites, and similar allowances than to his large and brilliant staff, of which the amiable Neely was the able right-hand man. Not that he was unduly extravagant, considering his position, but that at Columbus and the gratitude to which he entitled him. His "carriage, horses, and equipment" were modestly itemized, only costing the revenues three thousand, one hundred and five dollars. While he allowed most of his subordinates a per diem of three dollars a day, in addition to their salaries, he only charged five for himself. A proper regard for disparity in legitimate pay would have made his extra allowance about twenty-five dollars per diem. If he spent twenty thousand dollars for a steam launch for yachting purposes, it is understood that his colleagues were allowed to use it frequently. There was nothing in the Rathbone administration that we can see that was penurious or selfish. Everything was open-handed, and the service must have been a happy family. Altogether, although perhaps a matter of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars or so, included in the annual expense of the Cuban branch of the Postoffice Department, may look like a waste of money and quite irregular. To cure the situation, the decree under which Rathbone acted gave him plenary power over the island postal revenues, without responsibility to anyone for their utilization. Rathbone, for anything we have been able to discover to the contrary, was entirely within his authority and instructions in making any use he saw fit of the money which came into his hands. Agreeably to modern political precedents, as established since March 4, 1897, he is not to be blamed for making the most of his opportunities. If he chose to consider thirteen hundred dollars' worth of upholstery, rugs, curtains, clothing, underclothing, pyjamas, and hosiery necessary to the proper conduct and comfort of his office, the only wonder is that his moderation was so great.

Rathbone cannot be touched. His defense is no idle boast. He knew what he

was about when he secured the imperial authorization for anything he might elect to do, before he went to Cuba; and his superiors acknowledged him a carte blanche, with full knowledge of what was to be done, and what the incidental consequences would be. If there is fault to be found it is not with Rathbone, but with the regime and system of Hainanism which he so signally and ornamentally, if rather expensively, represents. The country will not fail to fix the responsibility where it belongs.

**A Delicate Immigration Question.**  
 The two Irish ex-convicts, Fitzharris, alias "Skin the Goat," and Mullet, both pardoned after serving seventeen years of life sentences for complicity in the brutal Phoenix Park murders in Dublin, have been held by the immigration authorities for deportation, under the law which forbids the admission to this country of immigrants adjudged guilty of a felony, crime, infamously crime, or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. "Rocky Mountain" O'Brien, Fredmah O'Donovan, and other friends of the victims will appeal the case to the Commissioner of Immigration, Mr. Bowdler. They are confident that the Administration will regard "Skin the Goat" and his companion as persecuted political exiles and order their enlargement, in which case they will promptly take to the lecture platform and make up for the time they have lost in British dungeons.

As this is a Presidential year, and the Irish vote is to be counted with, there is some reason to doubt the result. It is merely an academic proposition that the crime which these men were condemned to penal servitude for life was no more political than that committed by John Wilkes Booth, or by Charles J. Guiteau. Persons who think it right to murder high officials with whom they have no personal quarrel, but who are marked for assassination merely because they are servants of a hated Government, are hardly to be regarded as desirable additions to the American body politic.

Manila is crowded with refugees from the country districts of Luzon, where the Malay Washington is commencing all the able-bodied males to fill the ranks of his army. We know, of course, that the insurrection has been crushed, because Otis has told us so, and that the volunteers are to be called home just before the Presidential election for political effect. But for a rebellion which has been completely wiped out by a special force of the Philippine army, it is strange to see so many of the refugees being sent to the United States, as about to be Dinkleyed. The Hawaiians all smoke Manila cigars. Hereafter the price of these necessities will be more than trebled. Such abuses will have to be submitted to until the Supreme Court gets a chance to restore the power of the Constitution over American territory. In the meantime, however, the campaign contributors trusts will be able to realize some extra millions.

Secretary Hay has felt it necessary to complain to the Dowager Empress of China that her personally conducted "Boxers" are really too enthusiastic in their method of burning alive the native Christians, and that sort of thing. We suspect that she has informed the estimable old lady that she has stopped the proceedings, and will be contented to suspend diplomatic relations. A difficulty is presented in the way of our applying drastic methods to China. We have not been so sincere in our treatment of the Celestial Kingdom as we might be. We excluded the Chinese from this country in open violation of our treaty. We have murdered in riots or lynched select lots of Chinamen, and have disclaimed national responsibility for the mistake. We do not always apply the Golden Rule in our treatment of foreign denizens of the United States whose hair is dressed in an obnoxious manner. But considerations of the foregoing kind do not bother our authorities. They properly demand immunity from outrage of our citizens in China, without regard to matters which it might be embarrassing for us to reflect upon. By all means let the "splendid diplomacy" work on the "Boxers." We need a sensation for political effect.

## Answered in Turn.

(From the Worcester (Mass.) Spy.)  
 A Hebrew was going down Broadway Street the other day, and a party of young men had been waiting for him. As he came along, they went going home to sleep off the effects of a night before, and the Hebrew, who was a man of considerable size and strength, was a man of considerable size and strength. "Here comes Father Abraham," said one of the young men. "Here comes Father Abraham," said another. "Here comes Father Abraham," said a third. "Here comes Father Abraham," said a fourth. "Here comes Father Abraham," said a fifth. "Here comes Father Abraham," said a sixth. "Here comes Father Abraham," said a seventh. "Here comes Father Abraham," said an eighth. "Here comes Father Abraham," said a ninth. "Here comes Father Abraham," said a tenth. "Here comes Father Abraham," said an eleventh. "Here comes Father Abraham," said a twelfth. "Here comes Father Abraham," said a thirteenth. "Here comes Father Abraham," said a fourteenth. "Here comes Father Abraham," said a fifteenth. 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